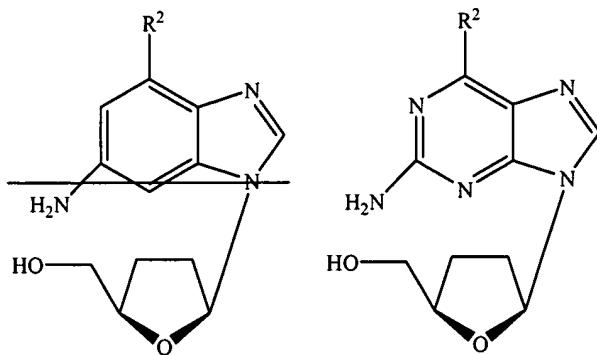


**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the first formula on page 3, lines 23-30, with the following amended formula:



Please replace the paragraph that begins on page 8, line 4 with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 1 is an illustration of the chemical structures of  $\beta$ -L-2',3'-dideoxycytidine ( $\beta$ -L-FddC) ( $\beta$ -L-ddC),  $\beta$ -D-2',3'-dideoxycytidine ( $\beta$ -D-ddC),  $\beta$ -L-2',3'-dideoxy-5-fluorocytidine ( $\beta$ -L-FddC) ( $\beta$ -L-FddC), (-)- $\beta$ -L-2-hydroxymethyl-5-(5-fluorocytosin-1-yl)-1,3-oxathiolane ((-)- $\beta$ -L-FTC), and (+)- $\beta$ -D-2-hydroxymethyl-5-(5-fluorocytosin-1-yl)-1,3-dioxolane ((+)- $\beta$ -D-FDOC), and  $\beta$ -L-2-amino-6 ( $R^4$ ) 9 [(4-hydroxymethyl)-tetrahydrofuran-1-yl]purine.

Please replace the paragraph the begins on page 35, line 4 with the following amended paragraph:

The effect of selected  $\beta$ -L-derivatives against Hepatitis B replication in transfected Hep G-2 cells is described in Table 4-2.

Please replace the title of the table on page 36 with the following amended title:

Table 4-2: Effect of L-derivatives against Hepatitis B virus ~~replication~~ replication in transfected Hep G-2 (2.2.15) cells.

Please replace the paragraph the begins on page 37, line 2 with the following amended paragraph:

The Comparative inhibitory effect of selected ~~triphasates~~ triposphates on woodchuck hepatitis virus DNA polymerase is set out in Table 5-3.

Please replace the title of the table on page 36 with the following amended title:

Table 2-3: Comparative inhibitory activities of L-nucleoside triphosphates on ~~woodchuck~~ woodchuck hepatitis virus DNA polymerase and human DNA polymerase  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .